## State of California Department of Industrial Relations DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION



## Order of the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation Official Medical Fee Schedule – Ambulance Fee Schedule Inflation Factor Effective for Services Rendered on or after January 15, 2015

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.70, pertaining to Ambulance Services in the Official Medical Fee Schedule, is adjusted to conform to the 2015 change to the Medicare payment system.

## Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after January 15, 2015, the maximum reasonable fees for Ambulance Fee Schedule shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees set forth in the calendar year 2015 ambulance services, contained in the electronic file "CY 2015 File [ZIP, 254KB], which is incorporated by reference. It is available on the Internet at the website of <a href="mailto:the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services">the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</a> at: <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/afspuf.html">http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/afspuf.html</a> and is published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm">http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm</a>

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the CY 2015 Ambulance Inflation Factor in CMS Manual System Transmittal No. 3090, Change Request 8895 to Pub. 100-04.

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that the Ambulance Inflation Factor for Calendar Year 2015 is 1.50 percent. This figure results from the subtraction of the 10-year moving average of changes in annual economy-wide private non-farm business multi-factor productivity (MFP) from the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

For services provided on or after January 15, 2015, the Ambulance Inflation Factor is included in the ambulance service fees in the CY 2015 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File.

This Order shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm">http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm</a>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 6, 2015 ORIGINAL ORDER SIGNED

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